

Oaks Christian Church General Board Meeting

September 15, 2013

Sara Simons, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.. Pastor Don gave the opening prayer.

Voting Members present: Sara Simons, Barbara Scantlin, Don Whitley, Pat Whitley, Dorene Drake, Jimmie Saldivar, Ruth Conover, Pat Scruggs, Bob Simons, Larry Scruggs, Pat Scruggs, Pat Whitley (arrived late). Non-voting Participants: Don Joseph, Charlie Dean, Pastor Ezequias, Mitzie and Paola from Renovada.

Senior Minister's Report: Don Joseph asked that his report be taken out of order since he would have to leave early. The Girl Scouts have told him they will now have two groups, both meeting on the same night and using the same room. A dialysis support group would like to meet here on Sundays, and Don has suggested they use the Hospitality Room each Sunday, and that they take a collection for us. Don Joseph mentioned a statement that Sara had signed saying there was no intent to object to occupation of a lot across the street by a LGBT family, and it was the consensus of the board to ratify Sara's action.

Renovada Report: They confirmed with the board that the air-conditioning in the sanctuary has been repaired. They asked about the lights, and were told that they were on back order and would probably be installed, at the earliest, at the beginning of September. They went on to report that they would be using several rooms on Friday nights for "Sunday School." Pastor Don requested a calendar regarding their use of the facilities so that we could put it on our calendar to avoid conflicts. Pastor Don also asked them for a brochure that he could give it to Spanish speaking people that he meets. They said they had business cards they could give him. Charlie suggested printing a two-sided card with both churches mentioned. They further reported that their sign man believes they can piggy-back on our current permit for the sign they wish to upgrade to include their church. They also reported that they were intending to withdraw from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Pastor Don then had to leave the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes for the August 11, 2013 board meeting were read and filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report: The attached report for August was approved by consensus. It was the consensus to forgive the currently outstanding \$3,772.06 commitment to Church in Society.

Financial Secretary: Next report due in October.

Elders Report: Barb reported that the elders have been praying for the church, and that prayer needs can be reported to the church office.

Diaconate Report: Pat reported that she is getting two commitments for each service and then finding a couple more for each Sunday. Barb and Jimmie re-affirmed that the Elders will always be ready to help. Ruth suggested filling only one-half of the tray and leaving the other side for

discarded cups.

Team Reports:

Worship: No report.

Christian Education: No report.

Evangelism: Community lunch September 28, 12:00 until 2:00.

Service: Pat reported that CROP walk is the first Sunday in November. Dorene presented a copy the attached document entitled "The Mission of Manna", and it was the consensus to approve signing of the document. Jimmye reported that our donation of school supplies for Stephens Elementary would be made in the coming week. Pat said Trunk or Treat will be at the end of October.

Stewardship: The attached written report was presented by Bob.

Facilities: Larry reported the following: Lights are scheduled to be here on September 28. AC is fixed for sanctuary, and units are being placed in the choir and Coffey class rooms. Telephone is installed and working.

Membership: Written report for August is attached.

Fellowship: Barb reported that CWF will be doing cookie sales this November. They are planning a January 25 celebration of the Church's 65th anniversary. A family festival and live nativity are scheduled for December 15th.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Sara has appointed a nominating committee as shown on the attached sheet, consisting of Jimmye Saldivar, Carole Greene, Don Whitley Ruth Conover, Ann Hudson, Julie Clawson, and Jeff Swink, to work in conjunction with the Senior Minister.

Sara has also appointed a Music Program committee, also as shown on the attached document, consisting of Barb Scantlin, Larry Scruggs Elizabeth Salazar, Janet Duplechain, and Linda Joseph. They are to develop a proposed plan for how our music program should go forward.

Charlie asked that the two attached letters to the Board be included in the minutes.

Bob Simons said that the September 10 letter was not actually sent to the entire board.

In regard to the September 5 letter, Sara understood that Charlie only wanted to digitize our old records. Then she found that he wanted the records on line, but she is totally against that. Barb pointed out that paper records are in the attic.

Charlie said that he would get with Don Whitley to get digital copies of the minutes, with the

understanding that this would not include reports and other attachments to the minutes.

It was the consensus of the board that it did not want to make the documents public, and Charlie specifically asked that that desire be recorded in the minutes. It was decided that the newsletter could be put on the internet.

In regard to Charlie's statements about the rummage sale, it was pointed out that this was a CWF function that has been held for many years, and that the sign, which has now been found, could not be found that day. The event was publicized in The Leader, Facebook, Craig's List, etc.

Sara said we have a membership committee that tracks visitors and sends cards. We also have an Evangelism Committee.

Sara apologized for forgetting that a board meeting had been scheduled for September 8, requiring the postponement to this week.

Sara and Bob have a conflict with an afternoon meeting on October 13. It was consensus of the Board to have meeting at 6:00 p.m. On October 13.

Announcements:

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m., with a closing prayer by Barb.

Respectfully submitted:

Don C. Whitley
Recording Secretary